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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

CARPENTER, Jake et al.

Serial No:

09/498,950

Filed:

February 2, 2000

For:

ADJUSTABLE BINDING STRAP FOR SECURING A SNOWBOARDING BOOT WITHIN A BASEPLATE

Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

23. (Amended) A strap for engaging a spowboarding boot, the strap comprising:

a [flexible] boot-engaging strap member configured and arranged to engage with a front portion of the snowboarding boot;

a mounting strap having a first end securable to said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member; and

wherein said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap are moveable relative to each other so that the length of said binding strap is selectively adjustable by a user; and wherein said mounting strap is releasably securable to said [flexible] boot-

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Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	85	-	29	=	56	X	\$ 18	= \$ 1008.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	9	-	3	=	6	X	\$ 78	= \$ 468.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

= \$ 1586.00

- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 1586.00 is attached.
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